

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3026	SB759	3122	HB909	Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County - Hancock's Resolution Visitor Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Jimeno				Del. Cadden
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Anne Arundel County				\$100,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Friends of Hancock's Resolution, Inc. for the planning and design of a new visitor center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a standard match.				
8. Special Provisions				
The bill requires the grantee to convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest in the property.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The "Friends of Hancock's Resolution" (FOHR) is a 501©(3), non-stock Corporation founded in 1997 and dedicated to preserving and promoting for educational and historical purposes the unique aspects of Hancock's Resolution. Hancock's Resolution's buildings and 26+ acres constitute the only remaining, authentic, partially restored but unrenovated, farmstead of an 18 th - early 19 th - C. "middling planter" open to the public in the near vicinity of Anne Arundel County, Annapolis and Baltimore. The farm shipped its produce to Baltimore from the late 18 th C. through the mid-20 th C. (over 150 years).				

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

The 2004 Master Interpretation Plan (MIP) for Hancock's Resolution, developed with professional assistance after a nationwide competition, identified the building of a Visitor Center and related facilities as the number one priority for this historic park. High priority was given to the Center in recognition of the fact that the park has no modern visitor services (unless you count in port-a-potties) nor means to orient visitors to the park.

In the words of the MIP: "Create a Visitor Center with full guest support amenities and support areas for interpretation, site use, and educational programs....Use the Visitor Center as a location to tell the complete story of Hancock's Resolution, from Native American presence to twentieth century small family farm and store....Provide safe, functional, sufficient and appropriate staff, volunteer and reenactor support facilities including fully functional parking, site access, offices, locker rooms, showers, and restroom facilities"...etc. In short, the Visitor Center will become a primary focus of the museum park, integral to visitor orientation and education as well as to the operation of the park itself.

This preparatory, Phase 1 effort has two components. The first is to complete the investigation of the site for environmental issues (forestation, critical areas, wetlands, archaeology, etc.), obtain the regulatory permits required to establish and stabilize the site, and implement a pervious (or environmental) parking area for the park.

The second element is to prepare the conceptual and Design and Development drawings for the LEED ("Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design") infrastructure and structures which will house the Center and related facilities. This second element of the Visitor Center will include renderings so that decision makers can visualize the future Center as well as access to it by land and water.

This Phase 1 preparatory work will dictate full implementation of the development of the Visitor Center from funding through construction.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$0.00
Design	\$150,000
Construction	\$75,000
Equipment	0.00
Total	\$225,000

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
Anne Arundel County	\$100,000
Maryland Bond Bill	\$100,000
In-kind Contributions	\$25,000

Total		\$225,000	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
10/1/06	10/1/07	1/1/08	6/30/08
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
\$3,000	1,500	7,000	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
CY 1998, FY 1999	\$150,000	Restoration of the Historic Buildings at Hancock's Resolution	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Friends of Hancock's Resolution, Inc. P.O. Box 233, Gibson Island, MD 21056		Hancock's Resolution 2795 Bayside Beach Road Pasadena, MD 21122	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
James R. Morrison, President, Friends of Hancock's Resolution (FOHR)		410-255-4048	smorriso@erols.com
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			31
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Mr. John Newell	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-573-2992		N/A
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Mr. John Newell, Esq. P.O. Box 308 621 Ridgely Ave. Annapolis, MD 21404			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	0	\$54,000	\$60,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (pick one) the property to be improved?			see #28, "Comments"

B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
	N/A		
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
	N/A		
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	There is no building at the present time.		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	To be determined in the design process.		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		N/A	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

Hancock's Resolution is an Anne Arundel County owned, 26.5 acre historic park which is operated by the Friends of Hancock's Resolution under an agreement with the County.

Hancock's Resolution was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

In a year-long process, a Master Interpretation Plan was completed for Hancock's Resolution in 2004. The plan is intended to guide the development and presentation of this largely undeveloped park over the next ten to twenty years. (Farming stopped here in the 1940s and most of the land has "gone to seed" since that time.) The four major themes in the plan are: 1- Daily Life on a pre-Civil War Chesapeake Plantation and Market Farm; 2- Commerce and Transportation on the Northern Chesapeake Bay in that Period; 3- Military and Maritime Life on the Chesapeake Bay focused on the War of 1812; and, 4-American Indian Life on the North Western Chesapeake Bay. (The latter is because archaeology has discovered a 3,000 year old Indian camp site on the property.)

In 2001, the restoration of the buildings at Hancock's Resolution was awarded one of three statewide Preservation Project Awards by the Maryland Historical Trust.

In 2004, the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation selected Hancock's Resolution as the winner of the Orlando Ridout Award for being the best historic preservation project in the County for that year.